

# ***ConneCT Kid's Committee***

## **Meeting Minutes**

*February 16, 2001  
2:00 PM*

*Commission on Children, Hartford*

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Attendees: Ellen Breault, Beverly Brown, Sean Condon, Al Duran, Pat Estill, Dick Hemenway, Miriam Rodriguez

1. The committee voted to feature the 3 Mile Mural project as presented by Joanne and Fouad Tawfilis at the meeting on 1/25/2001. Dick Hemenway will contact them concerning the material to be posted, a timeframe, and additional considerations raised by committee members.
2. The committee voted to accept the latest version the letter to be sent to Connecticut schools along with sample bookmarks. Dick Hemenway will have his office do the mailing as soon as possible. DOIT has already committed \$1500 to cover the cost of this mailing. The schools will be able to request additional bookmarks..
3. The committee approved the suggestion to re-format the website to include 3 primary sections – original (younger children; youth (teens) and parents/teachers. Dick Hemenway has contacted the Connecticut Youth Forum regarding their possible participation in selecting topics and creating new logos. It was suggested that we invite the students to join a meeting in April. Dick Hemenway will make the invitation to CYF through Melissa GoodFellow.

It was suggested that the material created by Ellen Breault that is posted on the VVV server <http://vvv.kids.state.ct.us/employ/tpsonjob.htm> regarding employment tips for teens, be included on the site under a temporary button on the main page entitled "Youth Issues." This new button could be placed between "About Government" and "Schools and Libraries."

Miriam Rodriguez has volunteered to create some material regarding drugs and alcohol for the Youth Issues section. Anyone having any suggestions or information should contact Miriam at DMV. Al Duran stated that the DCF Prevention Coordinator, Deanna Paugus, would like to join the group and would perhaps like to join Miriam in creating this material. Dick Hemenway was asked to add Deanna to the CMAC-Kids list server.

It was further suggested that that the Youth Issues section might include feature issues such as bullying with input from students. Perhaps we could call this "Youth ConneCTs."

4. Kris, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, has become our unofficial "roving reporter," and has provided several items for the Kids ConneCT page. Kris promises to continue. We might consider some certificate award for most contributions in a certain area. Dick Hemenway can provide the certificates.
5. Pat Estill reported on her review of the GreatKidsCT website presently under development by the State Library. While there is some minor overlapping, Pat reported that the site is primarily a catalog system that draws together a number of catalogs in a resource for parents. The site is not designed for kids. She did indicate that some further coordination might be necessary..
6. Pat Estill and Sean Condon reported that they will be submitting a form to SBC (SNET) Corporation for a funding grant. They have expressed interest in the site.
7. Next meeting date and time – The next meeting is set for March 16, 2001, 2:00pm at the Commission on Children conference room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford.

Dick Hemenway

ConneCT Kids Committee Chair

February 5, 2001